GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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INTER-STATE WATER DISPUTES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names and the number of Inter-State water disputes involving Orissa relating to sharing of Godavari Waters pending for settlement;

(b) the progress made on each dispute, till-date; and

(c) the steps taken to settle these disputes expeditiously?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) No complaint under the Provisions of Inter-State RiverWater Disputes (ISRWD) Act, 1956,from the State of Orissa has been received by the Central Government aboutexistence of water disputes relating to sharing of Godavari waters. However, as per the agreement between Orissa and Madhya Pradesh(MP)in 1979 the State of Orissa shall ensure 45 Thousand MillionCubic Feet(TMC) of water to flow down at the Orissa-Madhya Pradesh border in the Indravati sub-basin of Godavari basin. The agreement does not stipulate the monthly distribution of annual quantum of 45 TMC. Besides, there is some natural flow across the Jaura- Nallah to Sabari river just upstream of Orissa-Chhatisgarh border. Consequently,there has been difference of opinion between the Government of Chhattisgarh and Government of Orissa with regard to monthly distribution of annual flows and construction of diversion structure across Jaura-Nallahand main Indravati river. The construction of diversion structure has been resolved under the aegis of Central Water Commission. However, there is no consensus about monthly distribution of flows between Chhattisgarh and Orissa.